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Hongkong, 15th October, 1908. [14]

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ABOUT MEX \$7,222,222

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [15]

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JOHN ARMSTRONG,
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Hongkong, 13th May, 1908. [19]

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Hongkong, 16th July 1908. [2]

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Manager.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [13]

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J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [18]

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A. KOEHN,
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Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [19]

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Hongkong, 29th October, 1908. [633]

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1908. [190]

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1908.

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Hongkong, 4th November, 1908. [140]

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Hotels.

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A. F. DAVIES,
Manager.
Hongkong, 11th June, 1907. [1]

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MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1908. [170]

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	"BUREAU" Capt. H. Formes	About WEDNESDAY, 2nd December.
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Hongkong, 25th November, 1908.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	ERNEST SIMONS	Girard	7th Dec., P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	ARMAND BEHIC	Goissonet	8th Dec., at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	DUMBEA	Boyer	21st Dec., P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	DUMBEA	Boyer	22nd Dec., at 1 P.M.

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Hongkong, 24th November, 1908.

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Hongkong 24th Nov., 1908.

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Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905.

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Steamer.	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
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TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half Dec.	SHANGHAI	First half Dec.
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Hongkong, 20th November, 1908.

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BARRETTO & CO., Hongkong.

Hongkong, 29th October, 1908.

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Rooms, Private Baths, Modern Sanitary Fittings, Electric Light, Up-to-date Appointments, Renowned Cuisine, Dark Room for Photographers. Charges Moderate.

HENRY LUTZ,

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1908.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

The opening in Shanghai within the next six weeks (since postponed to 1st February, 1909, —Ed., H. K. T.) of the International Opium Commission readers the issue in the form of a Blue Book of a report by Mr. S. Leech, Councillor of the British Legation in Peking, on the opium question in China singularly opportune. There has been no lack of literature on the subject at any moment during the last two years; but most writers, and certainly all public speakers, have of necessity been obliged to content themselves with such data as they have been able to collect more or less haphazardly. Quite recently a more systematic attempt to collate information from various provinces was made under the auspices of the China Inland Mission; and while there was ample internal evidence of the impartiality of the compilation, such a record was always liable to be adjudged as coloured by "anti-opium" prejudices. In gauging

THE EXTENT OF GROUND UNDER

POPPY CULTIVATION

a casual observer, who is asked to retain in his mind's eye the area planted in the same district a year or more ago, may well be misled, albeit unwittingly, by personal bias. For this reason it is unfortunate that the task of gauging the progress of opium suppression should depend for the most part on unscientific estimates, but in the absence of statistics, we can only rely for our information on impressions of Europeans travelling in the provinces. Before the International Commission meets a valuable guide for its deliberations will have been prepared by the Imperial Maritime Customs, whose Commissioners and inland postal officers have been instructed to collect all available data about the cultivation of the poppy and the consumption of opium and morphia. Their reports will be transmitted to the Statistical Secretary, who will be attached to the Commission, and will represent the most complete and reliable evidence yet adduced on the whole question. In the meantime we have MR. LEECH'S INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE REPORT.

of which Sir John Jordan in a covering letter says:—"Mr. Leech has devoted much care and attention to the preparation of this Report, and the conclusions at which he has arrived may be accepted as an earnest attempt to form an impartial estimate of the situation after an exhaustive examination of all the evidence available." Even without this strong recommendation an official memorandum of this nature, published under the authority of the British Foreign Office, would be welcomed by the majority of those who are seeking for the most practical methods of assisting China to free herself from the opium evil.

Mr. Leech, writing in June, states that since the end of November 1907, when the previous General Report on the anti-opium movement was written, the two most noticeable features have been "the continued interest and energy shown by the Central Government in the question; as compared with the growing apathy evinced by the provincial officials and their lack of sustained effort to eradicate the evil." In contrast to this, the Report continues, "there is the gratifying evidence from many provinces of the reduction of the area under poppy cultivation. This reduction, which varies greatly according to local conditions, seem to be as much a voluntary step on the part of the farmers, prompted by self-interest and fear, as the result of official exhortation or of a desire to obey the authorities."

THE APATHY OF PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES is said to be noticeable chiefly "in a growing indifference as to whether the rules of the Decree of November 1906 are stringently carried out or not. Generally speaking, smokers do not 'take out' licences. Dens, though officially closed, are in many cases surreptitiously opened. Opium shops are only spasmodically inspected, while Anti-Opium Societies are gradually dying a natural death from lack of funds or interest, or both." Though there are exceptions to this state of affairs in certain districts, due to enlightened officials, especially in the coast provinces, Mr. Leech adds, it cannot be said that officials in general have fully carried out the movement imposed upon them by the Court. This presentment of the situation is NOT VERY ENCOURAGING.

but its accuracy is borne out by the separate records of the several provinces. If we turn to the measure of support given to China by foreigners in the cause of suppression we find that no dens exist in any British Concession and the few opium shops remaining in the British Concession at Chinkiang will have their licences withdrawn at the end of the year. In Shanghai also we shall shortly be free of licensed opium-smoking houses. The sympathy of Great Britain with China in her crusade has been manifested by the decision of the Home Government to abolish opium in all forms in Ceylon, the STRAITS SETTLEMENTS and HONGKONG, while the Indian Government has concluded an arrangement with China whereby, beginning from the current year, it undertakes to reduce by 5,000 chests annually the number of chests, at present amounting to 55,000, exported to China. This understanding, which is intended to apply in the ten years allotted for the eradication of opium in this country, is subject to revision at the end of three years, if China shows no willingness or ability to reduce proportionately the production and consumption of Chinese opium and the importation of other foreign opium. Furthermore, all the Powers have now given their assent to the prohibition (to be enforced from January 1, 1909) of the importation of morphia except for medicinal purposes.

According to its terms of reference, THE INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION, in which China will be associated with the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland, Japan, and Portugal, will endeavour to arrive at "definite suggestions of measures which the respective Governments may adopt looking to the gradual suppression of opium cultivation, traffic and use within their Eastern possessions; their existing China in her part

pose of eradicating the evil in the Empire." The chief object of its deliberations will thus be seen, is to confirm "China" in her well-doing; but to achieve practical results in this direction it would appear from Mr. Leech's Report that the Commission would almost have to leave academic discussions on the opium question and indicate to China practical methods of administrative reform. In spite of all the controversy on the subject China has still to work out her own salvation in the matter of opium suppression. The eradication of the drug from foreign Concessions, India or elsewhere is not going to put a stop to opium-smoking in this vast Empire. We have seen that nothing can exceed THE ZEAL OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT to the issue of threats and exhortations, while it is generally recognized that there is an inclination on the part of educated Chinese, to regard opium as taboo. The people at large, however, who have smoked opium in the past continue for the most part to smoke it still, because the will of the Central Government is thwarted by the apathy or opposition of provincials. To suppress the opium evil, methods must be devised to reach these obstructionists, and it is clearly not wise on the part of foreigners to applaud the achievements of the Chinese in regard to opium reform in such a way that they encourage a relaxation of effort on the part of local mandarins.—N. C. D. News.

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

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In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask ex Factory.

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SHEWAN TOMES & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG, 15th August, 1908.

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WM. FARLAW, Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd Nov. 1908.

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LI KWONG LOONG & CO.,

CABINET-MAKERS AND ART DECORATORS, from Shanghai, have removed their FURNITURE STORE

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The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE of every description can be made to order in any design required.

Have been patronised by the Hongkong Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co., Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., firms and other leading Establishments in the Colony, to whom reference can be made as to the Superior Workmanship and Materials of the Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as follows:—

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ORDERS punctually attended to, and CHARGES most moderate.

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Hongkong, 6th August, 1908.

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PROFESSIONAL TATTOOER

AND THE EXPERT REMOVER OF TATTOO MARKS.

No. 60 QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

PATRONISED BY PRINCE OF WALES, then

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My 24 years' experience in tattooing is a

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My colours are absolutely fast and perfectly

harmless, and produce a charming effect not

attained by any other, as their composition is

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have the work done in a perfect, high toned

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against possible dangers, I use fresh materials

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The copying of Portraits with distinct

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1908.

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THERAPION MAY NOW ALSO BE OBTAINED

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NO SUFFERER

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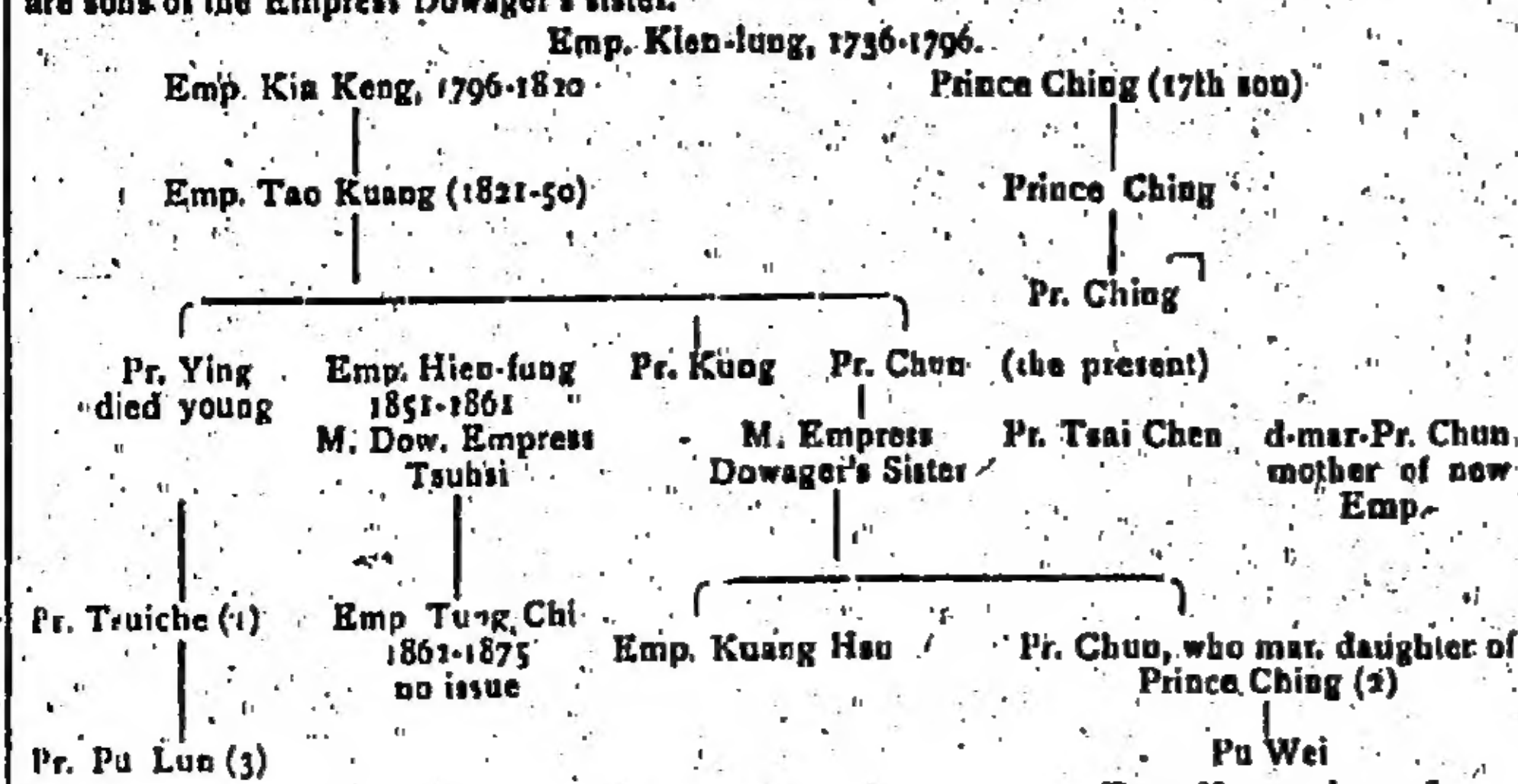
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Hongkong, 27th November, 1908.

THE CHINESE ROYAL FAMILY.

As many of our readers do not clearly understand the relation between the newly proclaimed Emperor and his predecessor, as well as that between the late Emperor and the Prince Pu'lon, we publish a brief résumé of the genealogy of the Imperial family of China. The Prince Pu'lon's claim is based on an Imperial decree of 1854, appointing his father as the heir presumptive, by the Emperor Hien-fung, but on his demise, the Empress Dowager's son succeeded to the throne. When the latter died without issue, Prince Pu'lon was the legal heir, but he was set aside by a court aided by the help of Li Hsueh Chang. It will be seen Prince Ching is the grandfather of the new Emperor; and also that the late Emperor and the Prince Chun are sons of the Empress Dowager's sister.



(1) Adopted as heir by Emp. Hien-fung, in decree of 1854. (2) Went to England for the Coronation. (3) Went to St. Louis Exhibition.—Singapore Free Press.

PICKED UP AT SEA.

TWELVE DAYS ADRIFF IN SAMPAH OFF SUMATRA.

It is seldom that a steamer nowadays comes across a boat adrift at sea. This, however, was the experience of the British India steamer *Shirala* which arrived in Calcutta, on October 31, with a cargo of molasses from Java. How this all happened is very shortly told.

It was about 9 1/2 a.m. on Saturday, October 24 last, and while breakfast was proceeding, that the Captain was called by the Third Officer to the bridge. We at breakfast thought nothing of the matter, said one of the officers until we heard the telegraph ring as a warning for the engineer on watch below to be ready to stop. This was followed very shortly by another ring, and the sound of the engines in motion suddenly ceased. A sudden stoppage at sea on calm waters out of sight of land caused us at the breakfast table to quit for the deck in double quick time to ascertain the reason of so strange a proceeding, and there we saw a sampan approaching us with three men in it. One was at the bow waving his hands frantically, and when the boat got close alongside, the waving arms were raised above the palms—meeting in an attitude of prayer.

DRIVEN OUT TO SEA.

Once alongside it did not take long for these three individuals to get up the rope ladder. They brought with them a small black box shaped like a gladstone, a small black oblong box, two jars, one with some water in it, a dirty sail, and a basket with some Chinese hats stuck together on top of it. Directly they were on board, the sampan was cast adrift and we were away again at full speed. It seemed to me a pity to have left the boat to drift and sink or be picked up by some fishing boat, but the Captain said it was not worth saving. Only 18 minutes elapsed from the time the boat was sighted to the time the men were put on board, so that no time had been wasted.

The Chinese carpenter on board was the only man who could make out anything these men said, for they were Chinamen, and through him we learnt the following tale. One Chinaman was a trader and the other two were boatmen, and they started on October 12 from a place called Deli on the N.E. coast of Sumatra to call at several other small places along the coast. On the evening of the 11th a gale sprang up and took them right out to sea, and when the day dawned they were completely out of sight of land. Being without any lights save a small lamp, they were in practical darkness at night, and drifted about wherever the current chose to take them; but in the day they rowed and sailed in the hopes of sighting land or a vessel.

SIXTY MILES FROM PENANG. It was not, however, till they had been twelve weary days adrift at sea, and when they were almost in despair, that they sighted us, and then they commenced waving desperately to attract our attention, and were happily for them observed by the officer on the bridge. When we picked them up they were 120 miles north of Deli, the place they had started from, and 60 miles from Penang. They had originally provisions in the boat for two days and had managed to make these together with some fish which they had caught, last all the time they had been adrift. They were lucky as regards water for they had a good deal of rain which enabled them to keep the two canteens at any rate partially filled. Now they have reached land safely, though over a thousand miles from their own country. The Dutch Consul will be able to arrange for their return back to Deli, where they must have long since been given up for lost, and I have no doubt that a considerable time will elapse before they forget the twelve days they spent at sea in a sampan.

Dentistry.

TSIN TING.

LATEST METHODS OF DENTISTRY.

STUDIO AT NO. 14, D'AGUIAR STREET.

REASONABLE FEE.

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Hongkong, 20th June, 1904.

Dr. M. H. CHAUN.

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of the

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY

25, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1904.

HORSE-RACING IN JAPAN.

TEXT OF NEW REGULATIONS.

A Regulation for the control of horse-races was issued on the 16th November as Order No. 1 of the Cabinet. The substance of the Regulation is as follows:—

(1) No one shall be permitted to hold horse races except race clubs formed in conformity with Article 34 of the Civil Code.

(2) Horse races shall be held twice a year regularly by each club, and the number of days when racing will take place on each occasion shall not exceed four.

(3) No horses useless for horse-breeding purposes shall be allowed to run in the races.

(4) Each horse-race company shall adopt its own regulations for the races and submit them to the Directors of the Stud Bureau.

(5) The Director of the Stud Bureau, when he deems it necessary for the improvement of horse-breeding, may partially subsidise the clubs for the expenses of the races.

(6) All matters relating to the maintenance of order and public morals shall be in the hands of the local authorities (in Tokyo the Metropolitan Police Bureau shall be the authority).

(7) If a horse race is found to be run in the circumstances referred to in (6), the authorities may order it to be stopped or may take proper steps for the punishment of the race club responsible.

(a) When the race club is found to violate this regulation or is guilty of any other irregularity.

(b) When danger is found to be present in matters relating to the races.

(c) When it is deemed necessary to take action for the maintenance of order and public morals at the race course.

This Regulation takes effect from the date of its issue.—*Asahi Chronicle*.

RAIS AS PLAGUE PROPAGATOR.

Sir William Collins, who asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether his attention has been called to the observations of Lieutenant-Colonel A. Buchanan, I.M.S., on the propagation of plague in India by means of rats and to his conclusion that the best way to prevent plague in India is by keeping cats, and whether the Government of India had formed any opinion as to the soundness of this conclusion, has received the following reply from Mr. Buchanan:—

The Secretary of State is aware that Lieutenant-Colonel Buchanan, in letters appearing in the Indian newspapers, had recommended the public to set greater store on cats as the simplest way of keeping down rats. In urging this, Colonel Buchanan is not opposed to other methods of prevention. The Secretary of State is not aware that the Government of India have formed any opinion on the subject.

Intimations.

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR
and
EXPRESS TRAINS Co.

(THE
GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE
TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of passage, &c., in connection with above.

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(Rates and Particulars on application).

THE OFFICE OF
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS,
ATTORNEY, &c.

Underwritten and Executed.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1904.

Intimations.

THE TRUTH ALWAYS.

"When you are in doubt, tell the truth." It was an experienced old diplomat who said this to a beginner in the work. It may pass in some things, but not in business. Fraud and deception are often profitable so long as concealed; yet detection is certain sooner or later; then comes the smash-up and the punishment. The best and safest way is to tell the truth all the time. Thus you make friends that stick by you, and a reputation that is always worth twenty shillings to the pound everywhere your goods are offered for sale. We are able modestly to affirm that it is on this basis that the world-wide popularity of

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rests. The people have discovered that this medicine is exactly what it is said to be, and that it does what we have always declared it will do. Its nature also has been frankly made known. It is palatable as honey and contains all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. A combination of supreme excellence and medicinal merit. Nothing has been so successful in Anemia, Scrofula, Bronchitis, Influenza, Loss of Flesh and Wasting Diseases, Weakness and Low Nervous Tone, and all complaints caused by Impure Blood. Dr. Austin D. Irvine, of Canada, says: "I have used it in cases where cod liver oil was indicated but could not be taken by the patient, and the results following were very gratifying." It is effective from the first dose and agrees with the most sensitive and nervous stomachs; it cannot deceive or disappoint you, and comes to the rescue of those who have received no benefit from any other treatment. It stands for the medicinal triumphs of the age. "Watch carefully against imitations." Sold by chemists throughout the world.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to accept Fire and Marine Risks at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, 11th November, 1908.

Public Companies.

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2 Lower Albert Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of December, 1908, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 17th day of November, 1908, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased by the sum of \$12,500 divided into 15,000 shares of \$7.50 each and that the Directors be authorised to allot such shares pro rata among the existing shareholders according to the number of shares in respect of which they may, on the 27th day of October, 1908, be registered, in the proportion of three new shares for each complete lot of five shares held by them on that date and that any of such new shares remaining over after such allotment shall be dealt with by the Directors in their discretion.

2. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by deleting paragraph 2 of Article IX and by substituting therefor the following paragraph:—

"2. The Register, or Registers, of shareholders and the Register of Transfers may be closed for such period or periods and at such time or times as the Directors may think fit but the period or periods of such closure shall not exceed in the whole 30 days in any one year."

By Order of the Board of Directors.

S. A. SETH, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1908.

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"That the Directors be authorised to declare a bonus or dividend out of the Reserve and Cattle Reserve Funds or out of the accumulated profits of the Company sufficient to pay a call of \$5.00 per share upon the New Capital already authorised to be raised by Special Resolution and that such bonus or dividend be appropriated for the purpose of paying such call."

By Order,

S. A. SETH, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1908.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account of the year 1908, of Thirty Cents per Share, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after FRIDAY, 27th November, 1908, on Warrants to be obtained at the Company's Office.

The Dividend will also be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, on and after the same date.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 24th instant, until MONDAY, the 30th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1908.

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PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

DR. W. R. LAMB,
AMERICAN OCULIST AND OPTICIAN.

NO. 11, KING EDWARD HOTEL ANNEXE.

HAS the pleasure of announcing his return to Hongkong where he will remain till

DECEMBER 11TH. He has all the latest and best instruments and apparatus for thoroughly Examining and Refracting the Eyes according to the most modern and approved methods as employed in the Metropolitan Eye Hospital, and has the largest supply and greatest variety of the newest kinds and styles of mountings and lenses of the best quality ever brought to this Colony—including several thousand different compound and prismatic lenses made specially to order for the correction of astigmatism and other abnormal conditions of refraction which the ordinary lenses commonly used will not correct. His facilities for attending to those in need of his services are equal in any respect to the best obtainable anywhere abroad.

Those who are troubled with weak or defective vision, who suffer from eyeache, headache in the orbital region, inflammation of the eyes or weakness of the ocular muscles, or any of the numerous conditions due to eye strain and necessitating the use of glasses—and most of these troubles are permanently cured by accurate refraction and properly suited glasses—would do well to avail themselves of the present exceptional opportunity of having their eyes properly examined and refracted and obtaining glasses of the right kind. There are hundreds, if not thousands here, having defective sight who have never had their eyes properly examined by a qualified Oculist, and who are using glasses which in at least nine-tenths of the cases are quite unsuitable, and which not only fail to bring the vision up to the highest possible standard, but the eyes are often much strained, and the vision seriously and often permanently impaired.

Dr. LAMB is certificated in optics as well as in medicine, has made the Eyes a specialty for over 20 years so that all glasses he supplies to his patients are warranted to be correct. He has thousands of references and testimonials from influential citizens from several British Colonies which he has visited professionally and can assure those in need of his services the most thorough, reliable and satisfactory professional work. Charges Reasonable—And Consultation Free.

HOURS: 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.; 2 to 5 p.m.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1908.

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HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL, 30th November, 1908.

SCOTSMEN (Naval, Military, or Members of the Civil Community) desiring to subscribe to the above are requested to forward their names to the undersigned.

No Scotsman can attend the Dance and Practices but as a Subscriber.

DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1908.

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CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR,

to be held at the

ITALIAN CONVENT,

28 CAINE ROAD,

on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th DEC.

On behalf of the

POOR LITTLE ORPHANS.

DOLLS, TOYS, SWEETS, and ARTICLES of every description suitable for Christmas presents.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1908.

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ELSEWHERE BEFORE YOU CALL AT

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The Best FRENCH TOYS, DOLLS,

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS,

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PERNOT BISCUITS,

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1908.

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PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes

9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes

11.00 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes

12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes

3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes

9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. ... Every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 30 minutes

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes

11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon ... Every 15 minutes

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes

1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes

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Extra cars at 3.15 p.m., 11.30 p.m., and 12.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th Nov., 1908.

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NOTICE.

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PRIVATE GREETING
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Hongkong, 27th November, 1908.

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THERAPION MAY NOW ALSO BE OBTAINED

IN DRUGS (TASTELERS) FORM.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

This is the age of research and experiment, when all nature, so to speak, is searched by the scientific for its secrets and its laws. Science has indeed made giant strides during the last century, and among these no means least important—discoveries in medicine come that of

THERAPION.

This preparation is unquestionably one of the most genuine and reliable of modern medicines ever introduced, and has, we understand, been used in the Continental Hospitals by Ricord, Rostan, Jobert, Velpeau, Malgaigne, the well-known Chassagnier, and indeed by all who were regarded as authorities in such matters, including the celebrated Laennec, and those by whom it was some time since uniformly adopted, and that it is worthy the attention of those who require such a remedy. We think there is no doubt, from the time of Aristotle downwards, a potent agent in the removal of these diseases has (like the famed philosopher's stone) been the object of search by some hopeful, generous minds; and far beyond the mere power of such could ever have been discovered—of tapping the latent energy of the human system, and of the other so effective, powerful, and ready to expel from the system without the aid, or even the knowledge, of a medical party, the poison of acquired or inherited disease. In all these points of view, it is a discovery of the highest importance, and one that has been created for the medicine of the future.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

AN ACT OF COURTESY.

DEFERENCE TO EMPRESS DOWAGER.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 27th November.

The Prince Regent and Grand Councillors have twice entreated the Dowager-Empress to administer the affairs of State.

Her Majesty has declined to accede to the request.

PRINCE CHING.

RESIGNS ALL OFFICES.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 27th November.

Alleging old age, Prince Ching has resigned all his various offices. The Prince Regent, however, earnestly urges him not to go into retirement.

Prince Ching has so far been prevailed that he has consented to retain his posts with the exception of that of Inspector-General of the Military Forces.

[Reuters.]

The French Navy.

London, 26th November.

During the discussion of the French Navy estimates in the Chamber, Mr. Picard was cheered for a speech forecasting reforms in the administration and an improvement in the artillery of the navy.

Lord Robert's Speech.

The discussion on the debate in the House of Lords continues briskly in Germany and numerous technical articles by military experts, giving varying opinions about the feasibility of the invasion of Great Britain, have appeared.

Death of a Japanese Minister.

The Japanese Minister to Spain has died at San Sebastian.

Later.

Russia.

The Government has introduced a Bill in the Duma, authorising a loan of 450,000,000 roubles, the Bill to be discussed with closed doors.

Austria and Turkey.

Unless the Turkish boycott of Austrian goods ceases before the 2nd prox, the Austrian Ambassador will quit Constantinople on a prolonged holiday.

France.

The French Army Committee has adopted the Government's proposal to increase the number of artillery regiments from 40 to 64, and batteries from 566 to 634, giving each army corps 120 guns instead of 92.

FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CHINA.

It is reported that a certain Censor has memorialized the Throne to instruct the Wai-wu-pu to negotiate with the Diplomatic Corps for the formulation of the following rules in regard to foreign insurance companies in China:—1, that foreign insurance companies shall not issue a policy outside the limits of the Settlements and Treaty Ports; 2, that in the event of a policy being taken out in violation of Rule 1 and 2, differences arising between the insurers and the assured, those differences shall be settled by the parties without having recourse to local Courts; and 3, that the Life Insurance Companies shall not interfere with the litigation of the Chinese on the ground that one or both of the litigants have insured their life with them.—Shanghai Times.

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL WALKING MATCH.

The following are the teams selected to compete in the International Walking Match at Shanghai:—

English.—W. S. Featherstonhaugh, A. E. Cornish, J. S. D. Wade, N. Webb. Reserve: J. L. Wade.

Irish.—V. Davies, P. J. Dunne, Con. Hamilton, C. McGuire. Reserve: John Hamilton, S. C. Young.

Chinese.—C. F. Wang, Yu Ling Shee, Ying Tung No, C. L. Wang.

Portuguese.—A. Colloco, C. Colloco, M. Colloco, A. Dignis, Jr. Reserve: F. D. Guedes.

German.—R. Bahmann, P. E. F. Hofmeier, H. Luennstein, F. Martin. Reserve: C. Floeck, Dr. C. Fennrich, K. Zimmer.

French.—M. Alexandre, W. A. Brin, J. Dobas, J. Glis.

Scott.—G. Birnie, J. Goodfellow, W. White, Kay, T. Mackenzie. Reserve: J. A. Mackenzie, A. A. Whyte.

Individuals.—Amar Singh, J. Nobbi, B. Bussell, Y. Testa, A. R. Moore, P. J. Williams, J. Bennett, G. Fennrich.

CATTLE DISEASE IN HONGKONG.

OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board was held at the offices of the Board at 12.15 this afternoon, when the following letter from Mr. Adam Gibson, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, was laid on the table:—

Sanitary Board Office, 28th November, 1908.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Board that foot and mouth disease exists at No. 9 shed, Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam Road.

The shed contains fifteen cows and three of them yesterday were suffering from the disease. I beg therefore to recommend that the shed be declared an infected area under Section 12 of the Importation and Inspection of Animals Bye-law of Ordinance 1 of 1903-1908.—I have, etc.,

ADAM GIBSON.

The Secretary, Sanitary Board.

The meeting declared the shed in question to be an infected area.

A YOUTH'S RASHNESS.

SEQUEL TO CAUSEWAY BAY DISTURBANCE.

With regard to the fracas which took place on Tuesday night at that beloved haunt of the coolies—Causeway Bay—full particulars of which we published in our last issue, sentence was passed on the young hopeful, who was the chief figure in the disturbance, at the Police Court this morning. The young man in question is a Hak-ka about ten years of age, and he was placed in the dock for the extremely dignified conduct of assaulting a Chinese woman.

The story, briefly explained, is this. The woman, who keeps a private lodging-house, was disturbed from her usual composure on the night in question by a great noise outside her house, and, running to the door, saw a crowd of Hak-ka, numbering some fifty odd, pursuing one of her lodgers—who, by the way, is a Chinese—for all they were worth. She asked the man what they were up to. The defendant thought this was too much for his dignity. Up went his temper and down came his arm, which would not have mattered so much had there not been an iron bar in his hand. This appeared the rowdies somewhat and they retired without further trouble.

This morning, Mr. J. R. Wood, the presiding magistrate, sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour. It is doubtful whether the youth will ever again raise his hand on a woman after he has completed his contract with the Government.

OPIUM IN CALCUTTA.

UNSATISFACTORY POSITION.

It appears that there has been an enormous increase in the consumption of opium in Calcutta during the official year 1907-8, but this does not mean that the drug has become more popular locally. It is thought in order that it may be smuggled to Burma, the profits being so great that Rs. 25 can be netted on each pound. If, then, 10 or 15 maunds can be "run" by a smuggler during the year his profits will vary between Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 30,000.

The Superintendent of Excise Revenue, Calcutta, believes that there are men possessed of extreme cunning and powers of organisation who are working on a grand scale. They obtain only a part of their supplies in Calcutta itself, going further afield into the United Provinces, Rampur and Malwa where opium can be bought at cheap rates. If they are checked in one direction by the police they turn to another, for the demand from Burma is an insatiable one. There are regular routes by which this illicit trade is conducted; one through Chittagong to Arracan and another to Rangoon direct. The authorities only know of a certain number of the transactions by the seizures made of the drug, and it is calculated that the figures must be multiplied tenfold to obtain even an approximate idea of the full extent of the operations. So far all the measures taken to stop the smuggling have been ineffective, and the Excise Department is still striving to find some means for checking the organised gangs. There does not seem much chance of success, however, for the smugglers can afford to pay large sums to all who help them. As to opium-smoking in Bengal itself, the practice is widely prevalent, but is not on the increase except in Calcutta and Orissa. In Calcutta the opium dens continue to flourish: they are now called clubs, are in places difficult of access, and only admit known and trusted customers. It is said that "the consequence is that opium-smoking is more freely indulged in than when the premises were under Government control; the smoker gets his materials at nominal prices and is unrestricted, and Government sacrifices considerable revenue." The policy which abolished all State control has evidently not been a success; but anti-opiumists would none the less be furious if Government were to attempt to revert to the old conditions. All the same, the position is as unsatisfactory a one as can be imagined.—Advocate of India.

LAST week the board of directors of the Japan-China Steamship Company, which has a service of steamers on the Yangtze, held a meeting to consider the accounts for the last half-year, when it was proposed not to distribute any dividend for the period. However, Mr. Nakabishi (President of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha), who represented the Osaka shareholders, urged that a dividend should be paid, and his view prevailed. The accounts, which are to be laid before the general meeting called for the 28th instant show that the net profit of the company for the period amounted to ¥13,000, including a surplus of ¥1,000 brought over. Of this sum ¥1,250 will be distributed as a dividend at the rate of 2½ per cent per annum; ¥5,000 will be placed to the reserve, and the balance carried forward.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on 27th inst:—

A quiet week has passed, and business has been confined to a few stocks, but rates generally show a hardening tendency.

Banks.—In Hongkong and Shanghai Banks the upward movement has been maintained, and after sales at rising rates from \$330, close strong, and with buyers at \$345. The London rate has improved to £8.15/5.

Marine Insurance.—A decided firmness has prevailed in these stocks, all of which are in demand. Canions have improved and are wanted at \$190, after sales at \$185 rate. North China has buyers in the North at \$15, 90 while Union, in response to an unsatisfied demand, have advanced to \$300 at which rate a few shares have been sold. Yangtze continues firm at \$167½.

Fire Insurance.—China Fires have improved and are required for at \$102.—Hongkong Fires are unchanged at \$130.

Shipping.—China and Manilla have weakened slightly to \$14. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have buyers at \$29 and Douglas at \$33. Indos continue out of favour and are quoted at \$37 and \$17 for the preferred and deferred shares respectively. Star Ferries old have been placed at \$24 and the new shares at \$15.

Refineries.—A slightly firmer tendency is apparent in China Sugars which have been sold at \$11½. Perak Sugars have advanced to \$15. Luzon are offering at \$20.

Mining.—Rambis has been the medium of a fair business at \$7½, while sales have also taken place at \$7½. Chinese Engineerings have strengthened to \$13½ with buyers.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves are quiet, and obtainable at \$45. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks can be had at \$92. Shanghai Docks have suffered a further decline to \$12, 72 at which rate there are buyers. Hongkong Wharves have receded to \$14, and sellers prevail.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Hotels are firm with buyers at \$30. Humphreys Estates have changed hands at \$9½. Hongkong Lands are offering at \$93. Kowloon Lands and West Point are steady at \$30 and \$40 respectively. Shanghai Lands have buyers at \$116½.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have been sold in the North at \$15. 67. Internationals have receded to \$15, 67, and Lau Kwong Mows to \$12. 72½. Hongkong Cottons have sellers at \$102.

Miscellaneous.—Civica Borneos have changed hands at \$12. China Providents continue firm and can be placed at \$3½ and Electrics have inquiries at \$16. Light and Powers are quiet at \$5½. Green Island Cements at \$10, and Ropes at \$14. Icos are weak at \$230.

Wm. Powell has declined to \$4.—Watsons are in request at \$9, the interim dividend of 30 cents per share paid to-day. Sumatras have slightly weakened and have sellers at \$12, 12½. Langkats have advanced and sales have been effected at \$11, 900.

YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 27th instant, Messrs. Phirozsha B. Petit & Co. write:—

Our last circular was dated the 13th inst. The first half of the interval that has since elapsed saw the Yarn market in a steady condition. Briskness was not to be expected owing to the progress of harvesting operations in the interior which has restricted business to comparatively narrow limitations.

When in the early part of the week exchange further declined followed by subsequent drop in silver, importers were confronted with the difficulty of having to raise the dollar value of yarn in order to make good the difference in exchange. On the other hand, Chinese buyers feel their way cautiously and approach importers with hesitancy in meeting the enforced higher prices. As cargoes continue to arrive in fulfillment of past months' forward contracts dealers are operating among themselves with advantage to one another.

Quotations on the whole show an advance over the figures in last mail's circular. The usual favourite spinings of No. 10s. attract the greatest attention and can be disposed of at 50 cents to \$1 over the prices ruling a fortnight ago.

No. 20s.—A moderate business transpired in selected threads only.

No. 16s.—Nothing doing.

No. 12s.—Some selected threads changed hands at a trifle better price.

No. 10s.—In request at an advance of \$½ to \$1 per bale.

No. 8s. and 6s.—Nothing doing.

The Market closes steady.

Sales:—2,450 bales of No. 10s, 600 bales of No. 12s, and 700 bales of No. 20s; in all about 3,750 bales.

Arrivals:—Per steamers Namsang and Kum-sung (from Calcutta), and F. Ferdinand and Devasha (from Bombay), of about 8,000 bales.

Unsold Stock:—About 6,000 bales.

Uncleared Stock:—About 16,000 bales.

Exchange:—We quote to-day as follows:—

India T. T. at Rs. 127½ per cent.

Demand " " 128

London T. T. " Sh. 8.24 = \$

Demand " " 8.5 1/16 = \$

Shanghai " " Tls. 7.21 = \$100.

Silver " " 22½d. per oz.

The adoption of Western civilisation would secure China but one advantage: it would give us a Navy and an Army capable of realising the dream of all of us—to turn you out of our country. The day we hunt you out of our land—you, your ministers, your missionaries of all denominations, your innovations, and your abuses—a great cry of relief and of joy will go up from the land "between the four seas"—Yen Ching Chuo, in *La Revue Générale*, Brussels.

To-day's Advertisement.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

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Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [1039]

CHINA'S SORROW.

MOURNING IN JAPAN.

Tokio, Nov. 21.

The Emperor of Japan, who returned to Tokio yesterday, has announced to-day that the Court will go into mourning for twenty-one days from this date.

The rare tribute is a striking testimony of the Imperial wishes for closer friendship between China and Japan.

The Emperor and Empress have dispatched Prince Kanin and Princess Higashi Fushimi, respectively, as representatives at the Memorial service which is to be held at the Chinese Legation to-day.—N. C. D. News.

THE CHINESE THRONE.

COOLIES CREATE BIG DISTURBANCE IN SINGAPORE.

China town presents a deserted appearance to-day as most of the shops and business houses are closed in consequence of the Chinese community being in mourning for the late Emperor and Empress Dowager, reports the *Straits Times* of 19th inst.

Customs associated with such occasions are being observed strictly in private houses and also at the Chinese Consulate. Many rich and coolies are not plying for hire and even some of the street hawkers are refraining from business.

The general idleness among the Chinese in Singapore, to-day, is leading to trouble for the police, the crowds in many parts of the town showing a disposition to be mischievous.

About three hundred coolies began to molest and rob hawkers and to stone trams, in South Bridge Road this morning.

P. C. Blyden hurried to the scene, and attempted to scatter the mob with a broom, which he wielded with considerable effect till he received a blow on the leg, which crippled him. Several arrests were made, and the throng finally scattered.

The Chinese Consulate, Bras Basah Road, was besieged by throngs of Chinese of the better class, this morning, all attired in white, to pay respects to the Consul-General and express their grief at the demise of the Emperor and Empress Dowager.

The throng of vehicles of every description completely stopped traffic for a time, even the trams finding it impossible to get through.

The lads of a Chinese school, all in khaki uniform, were seen marching through town this morning, with banners at their head. Each lad had a band of black about his left arm. Their masters, who marched by their side, were in white mourning in accordance with Chinese custom.

FREE FIGHT AMONG CHINESE.

Eight Teochews were arrested in North Boat Quay, yesterday afternoon, from among a throng of over two hundred, who were engaged in a free fight. They appeared before the Third Magistrate, this morning, on a charge of rioting.

No evidence was given as to the cause of the disturbance, but bystanders state that it arose over the refusal of sundry traders to cease work and thereby show their respect for the deceased Emperor and Empress Dowager of China, as most Chinese are doing.

The Magistrate reserved his decision till this afternoon.

Another version of the affair is that the riot began by a concerted attack upon two shops in Temple Street, just off South Bridge Road, kept by Cantonese Christians, because they had not closed their shops. Twenty arrests were made.

20th November.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED FOR DEFENCE.

Twenty Chinese were before the Third Magistrate, Mr. Maurice Thunders, this morning, on charges of rioting in Temple Street, at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, and mischief in causing damage to the amount of \$23 to the property of Hoh Sam Tin. Three of them were also charged with voluntarily causing hurt to K.P.C. Blyden.

The hearing of the charges was postponed till Thursday next, at 11.30 a.m.

The three who were charged with assaulting K. P. C. Blyden were asked to furnish bail in the sum of \$400 each; the other seventeen, \$100 each.

It is said that a subscription of \$10,000 was raised in five hours, yesterday, for the defence of the accused, the local Chinese community feeling very strongly that they were justified in using force to compel Hoh Sam Tin to close his shop.

Singapore was flooded with handbills, last night, in Chinese, stating that there was no cause for mourning, as the deceased ruler of China were not Chinese but Manchus. All true Chinese, they stated, should rejoice rather than mourn.

To-day's Advertisement.

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [1028]

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"HAIYANG,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 4th prox., at 11 o'clock A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [1026]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 859.

IT is hereby notified that information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

The practice notified in Government Notification No. 825 for the 30th November is hereby cancelled.

On TUESDAY, the 1st December:—

From Pakshawan in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On WEDNESDAY, the 2nd December:—

From Saiwan in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 5.30 P.M., and finishing at 9.30 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 3rd December:—

From Stonecutters (West) in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.

From Stonecutters in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On FRIDAY, the 4th December:—

From L. Belchers in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.

On MONDAY, the 7th December:—

From Central in a South-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.

From Albion in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 P.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

On WEDNESDAY, the 9th December:—

From L. Belchers in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M., and finishing at 12 Noon.

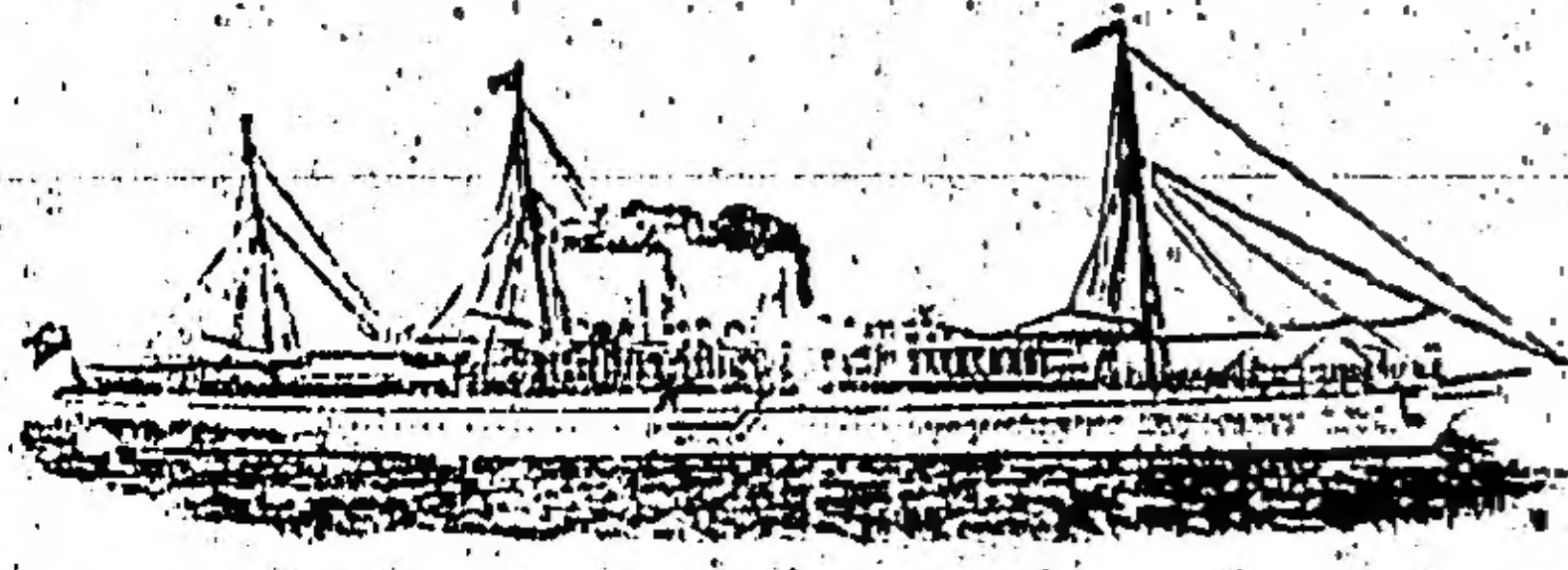
From Stonecutters (East) in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 11.30 A.M., and finishing at 1 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 10th December:—

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"EMPRESS OF CHINA" 6,000	SATURDAY, Feb. 13th March 5th
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALOUTTA	ONSANG	FRIDAY, 4th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, 4th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, 11th Dec., 4 P.M.
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Telephone No. 61. Hongkong, 28th November, 1908.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

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SHANGHAI	"YUENHANG"	29th Nov., Daylight.
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TSINGTAU	"CHINKIANG"	30th " " "
ILOILO VIA AMOI, MANILA & CEBU	"SUNGKIANG"	1st Dec., 9 A.M.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	2nd " " "
MANILA	"TEAN"	2nd " 4 P.M.
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S.S. "DUMBEA" COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S. *Charente* and *Cordouan*, from Barcelona ex S.S. *Tone del Oro*, and from Bordeaux ex S.S. *Leroy Lallier*, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 7 P.M. TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 30th November, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 30th November, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 30th November, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 23rd November, 1908. [1012]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship "CARDIGANSHIRE," Captain W. O. Tyers, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 23rd November, 1908. [1012]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENMOHR," FROM LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 9th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd prox., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 16th November, 1908. [1013]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "KUMSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 28th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1010]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"OCEANA" FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings in Cargo—From London, Etc. ex S.S. *Mongolia*. From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd December, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 26th November, 1908. [1011]

THE JAPAN-CHINA RAILWAY AGREEMENT.

HSINMIN-TUNG-FAKUMEN LINE NOT INCLUDED. CURIOUS TELEGRAPH ERROR.

The *Japan Chronicle* of 15th Nov. says:—As reported in our columns yesterday, an agreement relating to railways in Manchuria has been signed in Peking by Mr. Abe, Secretary in the Japanese Legation, and Mr. Liang, of the Chinese Post Office Department. According to the dispatch it appeared that the agreement sanctioned the construction of the Hsinmin-tung-Fakumen line, thus settling a question which has long been a bone of contention between China and Japan. We are now informed that this announcement is incorrect, the line to be constructed being the Hsinmin-tung-Mukden line, which has not been a source of dispute. The mistake arose from the inability of the telegraph to transmit Chinese names accurately by Japanese *kana*. In this case the word *Shin-tung* was transmitted, which is the Japanese reading of the initial characters representing the names Hsinmin-tung and Fakumen, but *ho* happens to be the reading of the initial character representing Mukden also. The receiver of the message, not thinking of this, naturally assumed that the word referred to the undertaking which has been so prominent, and registered it accordingly.

Further details of the agreement are now to hand. The document is stated to form a special protocol to the agreement signed in April last year relating to the Hsinmin-tung-Mukden and Kirin-Changchung railways. The substance of the new protocol reads as follows:—

(1) The Chinese Government agrees to borrow from the South Manchurian Railway Company ¥320,000 in Japanese money, which represents half the amount of the fund required for the construction of the section of the Peking-Mukden Railway east of the River, and ¥2,150,000, being half the amount required for the construction of the Kirin-Changchung Railway.

(2) The interest on the loans in the preceding article shall be 5 per cent. per annum.

(3) The actual amount receivable by China shall be ¥93 per ¥100.

(4) A Japanese shall be appointed Chief Engineer for the Peking-Mukden line to the east of the Liao River. At first a Japanese engineer working on the Peking-Mukden Railway shall be appointed to the post.

(5) It being difficult to keep separate accounts for the section of the Peking-Mukden Railway east of the Liao River, the Japanese Government agrees not to appoint a Japanese as Chief Accountant for the section of the line in question. Instead of this arrangement, the monthly instalment repayable of the principal and interest on the loans shall be regarded as the monthly net profit of the line east of the Liao River, and this is to be deposited in a Japanese bank each month.

(6) The Chinese Government shall nominate a Japanese who shall be considered suitable for the post of Superintendent Engineer on the Changchung-Kirin line, and on consultation with the South Manchurian Railway Company the Engineer so nominated by the Chinese Government shall be appointed to the post.

(7) The minor details of the loans shall be arranged apart from this protocol, between the South Manchurian Railway Company and the representative of the Chinese Post Office Department, according to the Agreement of April last year.

(8) The approval of the Governments of the two countries shall be obtained before the agreement goes into effect. It is understood that the construction of the Changchung-Kirin Railway will be undertaken by the South Manchurian Railway Company, and that the work of construction will be taken in hand early next year.

THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR TRAVELLERS.

We are informed by the Agents of The Great Trans-Siberian Route at Kobe, Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co., Ltd., that as a result of the conferences and negotiations between the international Sleeping Car Company and the various railway and steamship lines concerned, during the past year, special arrangements have now been made and are being put into effect, whereby travellers will be able to secure direct connections and tickets from any of the principal points in the Far East, through to the principal points in Europe and to America, via the Trans-Siberian route, and registered baggage will be checked through direct from Shanghai, Nagasaki or Tsuruga, to the ticket destination in Europe, in bond, with examination only at the Custom House on the frontier of the country to which it is registered, thus avoiding any re-checking or examination at intermediate points.

Special ticket-books will shortly be issued, containing coupon tickets for each separate section of the entire journey, by any of the various routes in connection with the Trans-Siberian line to Europe and also for single or circular local tours covering all the principal places of interest in Japan, China, Korea, Manchuria, Siberia and the Far East generally. This will be a distinctly new feature and of great convenience for all travellers, both to Europe and locally in the Far East.

The connections with Vladivostok are:—To Europe:—Leave Tsuruga 5.00 p.m. on Fridays, Sundays and Wednesdays; arrive Vladivostok 11.00 a.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays, connecting with "International" trains on Mondays for Moscow; the "State" train on Wednesdays for Moscow; and the "State" train on Saturdays for St. Petersburg.

From Europe:—Arrive Vladivostok 9.20 a.m. on Sundays and Thursdays from Moscow; Saturdays from St. Petersburg; connecting with vessels leaving Vladivostok at a p.m. on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays, arriving at Tsuruga 6 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.—*Japan Chronicle*.

WEATHER FORECAST AND STORM WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Teim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here:—

Signal No. 1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

Signal No. 2. A CONE point upwards and a U.M. below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

Signal No. 3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

Signal No. 4. A CONE point downwards and a U.M. below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

Signal No. 5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

Signal No. 6. A CONE point downwards and a BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

Signal No. 7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

Signal No. 8. A CONE point upwards and a BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. *Tamar*, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. *Tamar*.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment

